

THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20505

National Intelligence Council

9 March 1982

MEMORANDUM FOR:

**SUBJECT : NSSD I-82, Suggested Changes to 5 March Text of Part I's
"International Environment"**

1. Wearing my National Intelligence Council hat for a moment, I offer some suggested changes to Part I's text in the interests of assuring that our NSSD I-82 exercise portrays a complete and accurate threat assessment. This is especially necessary since the International Environment discussion, coming at the outset of the study, must place all that follows in proper perspective.

2. My concern with the present text is that it focusses to too great degree on direct Soviet military threats alone, gives insufficient attention to additional dangers which will be threatening US interests over the next few years, and hence may not sufficiently alert policymakers to many dangers most likely to confront the U.S. Collectively these add up to increased chances that the US position in the world may be eroded or made more difficult by forces of non-Soviet, as well as Soviet, origin.

3. My attached suggestions are meant to argument such treatment of these questions as Part I's present text gives them.

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Chairman

Attachment:
As stated

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